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must have joined in this expedition,
how would
it be possible to offer them serious
resistance ?

Would it be well to take refuge at
Falconhurst,
Wood Grange, Prospect Hill, Sugar-
cane Grove,
or even at the hermitage at
Eberfurt ? Would
they be any safer there ? As soon as
they had
set foot on this rich domain of the
Promised Land,
the invaders would be sure to go all over
it! Ought
they to seek a more secret shelter in the
unknown
regions of the island, and would there
be any
certainty that they would not be
discovered even
there ?

Then Mr. Wolston suggested that they
should
abandon Rock Castle in favour of
Shark's Island.
If they put off in the long boat behind
the point of
Deliverance Bay, and went along the
Falconhurst
shore, they might perhaps be able to
get to the
island before the pirogues arrived.
There, at any
rate, under the protection of the two
cannon in the
battery, they might defend themselves,
if the
natives attempted to set foot on the
island-
Besides, if there were not time to take
over the
stores and provisions needed for a long
stay, the

store-house had beds and could
accommodate the
two families. The boat could be kddh
with
articles of prime necessity. ** And
father, as has
been related before, Shark's Island
had bee&
planted with mangroves, palms, and
othar
and was used as a park for a herd of